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scholastic world. He related that Dr. Franklin had been offered the presidency of Howard University in Washington, D. C., but he had refused this position. He related that Dr. Franklin is presently serving as head of the History Department at Brooklyn College at a salary of \$17,000 per year and he is in an excellent financial position. He stated that he would highly recommend him for any position of trust and responsibility in the Government.

[redacted] North Carolina College at Durham, Durham, North Carolina, advised that he and Dr. Franklin joined the faculty of the college at the same time and he has been a close personal friend of Dr. Franklin's ever since that time. He described Dr. Franklin as a distinguished American educator and a contemporary historian of excellent character, conduct and habits. He stated that his loyalty was not questioned by him. [redacted] related that he has read all publications written by Dr. Franklin. He stated that all of these publications were of an academic nature. He stated that some Negroes had been critical of Dr. Franklin's publications as they felt Dr. Franklin had not "sufficiently sided with the Negro." [redacted] said he felt that Dr. Franklin's publications were objective and they did not contain "inflammatory material." He stated that he is acquainted with Dr. Franklin's immediate relatives and he commented favorably concerning them. He stated that he would recommend Dr. Franklin without reservation for a position of trust with the Government.

James M. Nabrit, Jr., President, Howard University, Washington, D. C., stated that he has known Dr. Franklin for over fifteen years and he knew him as a distinguished faculty member at Howard University for many years. He related that Dr. Franklin has authored several books and numerous articles and he has been invited as a lecturer or visiting professor at many universities in the United States and throughout the world.

Dr. Nabrit stated that Dr. Franklin is a man of great intellectual ability with great common sense and unusually gifted in all aspects of intelligence, personality and character.

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He said that Dr. Franklin is an eminent speaker and is highly regarded as an educational administrator. He stated that he has never known anything of an unfavorable nature concerning Dr. Franklin's moral character, reputation, associates or loyalty, and he has never known him to be associated with any questionable individuals or organizations. Dr. Nabrit stated that he and his family have been close social acquaintances of Dr. Franklin's family for many years and he continues to see Dr. Franklin every year since Dr. Franklin left the faculty at Howard University.

Dr. Nabrit advised that Dr. Franklin is regarded as an outstanding educator in the field of American History and he has shown special interest in the History of the South and the Negro. He commented that Dr. Franklin is internationally recognized as an authority in this field. He recommended him for a position of trust and responsibility with the Government.

Harry D. Gideonse, President, Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York, stated that Dr. Franklin is an outstanding administrator who has taken over one of the largest departments at the school in which there had previously existed many factions. He commented that Dr. Franklin has had excellent results in the administration of the Department of History. He stated that Dr. Franklin's ability as an educator is above average and he has never met a man with more personal integrity and ability to meet people readily and along. He related that Dr. Franklin has an excellent sense of humor, and he has earned the respect and admiration of the entire faculty. He stated that with his keen mind and his ability as a public speaker, Dr. Franklin makes a very good representative of this school. He stated that Dr. Franklin is the most representative person of American culture on the faculty of this school. He stated that Dr. Franklin's loyalty is above reproach, and he recommended him for a position involving trust and responsibility.

George D. Stoddard, Chancellor and Executive Vice President, New York University, New York City, advised that he has known Dr. Franklin professionally for the past seven

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years. He related that he first met Dr. Franklin when they were fellow lecturers at the University of Cambridge in England in about 1954. He said they lived together in England for about ~~six~~ weeks. He said Dr. Franklin is a splendid person, and he is a man of substance and personal charm and one of the foremost leaders of his race in this country. He stated that he has never had reason to question Dr. Franklin's loyalty or choice of associates, and he recommended him for a position of trust.

Jacob K. Javits and Kenneth B. Keating, United States Senators from New York, interviewed in Washington, D. C., advised that they were not acquainted with Dr. Franklin.

Forty-eight other persons, including social acquaintances, professional associates and neighbors, were interviewed, and they stated that Dr. Franklin is a loyal citizen whose character, reputation and associates are above reproach. Those who know him well described him as an outstanding educator and author in the field of history in this country. They recommended him for a position involving trust and responsibility.

Close Relatives

In addition to his wife and son, previously mentioned, Dr. Franklin has the following close relatives now living:

Sister, Mrs. Waldo Emerson (Mozella)
Jones, Sr., Tulsa, Oklahoma;



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Credit and Arrest Checks

Information has been received from the appropriate credit reporting and law enforcement agencies indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Franklin or his close relatives.

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Miscellaneous

The catalogue records of the Library of Congress, Washington, D. C., disclose that Dr. Franklin is listed as the author of the following books:

"From Slavery to Freedom: A History of American Negroes," Alfred A. Knopf, Incorporated, 1947

"The Diary of James T. Ayers, Civil War Recruiter," State of Illinois, Springfield, Illinois, 1947

"The Free Negro in North Carolina, 1790-1860," the University of North Carolina Press, 1948

"The Militant South, 1800-1861," Belknap Press of Harvard University, 1956

"Lincoln and Public Morality," Chicago Historical Society, 1959

"Reconstruction: After the Civil War," University of Chicago Press, 1961.

Edward Franklin Frazier was investigated by this Bureau under the provisions of Executive Order 10422 in 1953 and 1961. Dr. Frazier has been associated with Howard University, Washington, D. C., since 1934 as Professor of Sociology. Dr. Frazier in a personnel data form executed under the provisions of Executive Order 10422 has listed membership in the National Council of the Arts, Sciences, and Professions; the Council on African Affairs; the Committee for a Democratic Far Eastern Policy; the Southern Conference for Human Welfare; and the Southern Conference Educational Fund, Incorporated. The investigations of Dr. Frazier developed information from numerous informants, who have furnished reliable information in the past, that Dr. Frazier had been a member of or affiliated with many other organizations including

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the aforementioned organizations, which have been either designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450 or cited as communist fronts by the House Committee on Un-American Activities. (138-825)

During the investigation of Dr. Frazier in 1953, Dr. Franklin was interviewed. At that time he stated that he first became acquainted with Dr. Frazier in 1931 at Fisk University, at which time he was an undergraduate student and Dr. Frazier was a professor. He advised that he had been a colleague of Dr. Frazier at Howard University since 1947 and they had become intimate associates. He related that he and his family used Dr. Frazier's home in Washington, D. C., for the previous two years while he, Dr. Frazier, was in France. He related that Dr. Frazier's moral integrity and honesty was shown in the very high esteem in which he was held by his professional colleagues throughout the world. He stated that he believed there is absolutely no reason to question Dr. Frazier's loyalty to the United States. He stated that Dr. Frazier was an extremely articulate person and that, if he were to deviate idealistically, it would be shown in his conversations and writings. He concluded by stating that Dr. Frazier had never evidenced any communist sympathies. (138-825-52)

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An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past reported in February, 1947, that John Hope Franklin, not further identified, was appointed to the membership and finance committee of the Durham Chapter of the Committee for North Carolina of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare at a membership meeting held in Durham, North Carolina, on February 4, 1947.

It is noted that Dr. Franklin served on the faculty at North Carolina College at Durham, Durham, North Carolina, from 1943 to 1947.

The Southern Conference for Human Welfare has been cited as a communist front by the House Committee on Un-American Activities.

* Trash Cover (100-10355-257)

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The February, 1948, issue of the "Bookshopper," the official organ and publication of the Washington Bookshop Association, carried an announcement which stated that Dr. John Hope Franklin, professor at Howard University, was scheduled to speak to bookshop members on February 20, 1948. He was reported to be the author of the book "From Slavery to Freedom." (100-40013-2)

The Washington Bookshop Association has been designated pursuant to Executive Order 10450.

The August 8, 1952, issue of the "Daily Worker" contains an article entitled "Negro Scholars Laud Aptheker Book 'Documentary History'" which reports that John Hope Franklin, professor of history at Howard University, Washington, D. C., was among the group of Negro scholars praising Herbert Aptheker's book, "Documentary History of the Negro People in the United States."

Herbert Aptheker testified in July, 1954, in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Pennsylvania, that he was at that time a member of the Communist Party and that he had been a member of the Communist Party since 1939. He testified that all of his writings since 1939 or 1940 had been conscientiously guided by what he thought was the "Light of Marxism-Leninism."

The "Daily Worker" was an east coast communist daily newspaper which suspended publication in January, 1958.

The March 9, 1958, issue of "The Worker" contains a news article entitled "Notables Greet Dr. Dubois as 1,000 Mark 90th Birthday." The article reports that over 1,000 persons celebrated the 90th birthday of Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, historian, sociologist and novelist, at a party held in New York City on the previous Sunday. According to the article, Dr. John Hope Franklin, head of the Department of History at Brooklyn College, was among the speakers at this party. (61-3176-2866)

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An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised during June, 1950, that Dr. W. E. B. Dubois, although on friendly terms with the Communist Party for many years, did not actually join the Communist Party until about 1944.

"The Worker" is an east coast communist newspaper.

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An informant who has furnished reliable information in the past advised on September 16, 1960, that one of several rooms which had been burglarized on that date at the Henry Hudson Hotel in New York City, was a room occupied by [redacted]

[redacted] The informant advised that a pair of gray trousers were later found in a corridor of the hotel and the pockets of the trousers contained, among other things, a pocket telephone directory containing numerous names, addresses and telephone numbers. The directory contained several printed business cards of [redacted]

[redacted] The pocket telephone directory contained the listing, among numerous others, of "John Hope Franklin, Head of Sociology, Brooklyn College, ULster 9-2400."

The March 20, 1961, issue of "The New York Times," a New York City newspaper, contains an article captioned "250 Teachers Hit House Committee." The article related that the American Civil Liberties Union made public the previous day a statement by 250 American college and university professors urging the abolition of the House Committee on Un-American Activities. The 250 professors who reportedly signed the statement as individuals were reported actively engaged in teaching at 79 colleges and universities. Two names appeared under the caption of Brooklyn College, one of which was John Hope Franklin. (100-433447-4)

Other informants who have furnished reliable information in the past and who are acquainted with communist activities in the appropriate areas have advised that Dr. Franklin is unknown to them and that they can furnish no information concerning him.

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Agency Checks

Information has been received from the Bureau of Personnel Investigations, Civil Service Commission; the House Committee on Un-American Activities; and G-2, United States Army Counterintelligence Records Facility, Fort Holabird, Maryland, indicating that their files contain either no record or no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Franklin.

The central files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation contain no additional pertinent information concerning Dr. Franklin.

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February 5, 1962

BY COURIER SERVICE

Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. O'Donnell:

By letter dated January 6, 1962,

[redacted] Bureau
of Security and Consular Affairs, Department of State,
requested an investigation of Dr. John Hope Franklin,
who is being considered for a Presidential appointment.
Transmitted herewith is a summary memorandum containing
the results of this investigation, a copy of which is
also being furnished to the Secretary of State.

Referral/Direct

Information has been received from three*
governmental agencies indicating that the checks of
their files concerning Dr. Franklin have not been
completed. When these checks are completed, you will
be advised.

It is noted that Dr. Franklin has spent several
periods overseas in connection with his educational
assignments and in behalf of the United States Government.
The inquiries which have been conducted by this Bureau
do not include investigation outside the United States.

*Central Intelligence Agency
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The investigation of Dr. Franklin covered inquiries as to his character, loyalty, general standing and ability, but no inquiries were made as to the sources of his income.

Sincerely yours,

J. Edgar Hoover

Enclosure

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Date: 2/9/62

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ReWFO pending report dated 1/23/62;

The appointee's passport file as maintained by the Passport Office, Department of State, was reviewed on 2/7/62, by IC [redacted] and was found to contain the following pertinent information:

The appointee was issued Passport #432581 on 5/8/51, for three and one-half months' travel to England, France, Switzerland, Italy, and Austria to conduct a Seminar at Salzburg Seminar in American Studies. This passport was renewed on 4/9/54, for two months' travel to England, France, Belgium, Holland, and Germany to teach at the Conference in American Studies at Cambridge, England.

The appointee was issued Passport #726167 on 7/6/55, for six weeks' travel to England, France, Germany, and Italy to participate in the Tenth International Congress of Historical Sciences at Rome. This passport was renewed on 7/7/58, for travel from 8/1/58, to 9/22/58, in England, Germany, Belgium, and Austria to lecture at Salzburg Seminar in American Studies.

The appointee was issued Passport #2203961 on 5/8/60, for three months' travel to Australia, Hong Kong, India, Egypt, Sweden, and the United Kingdom as a Fulbright Lecturer.

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The file contained no additional pertinent information.

The files of CIA were caused to be searched on 2/7/62, by SA [redacted] and were found to contain no additional pertinent information regarding the appointee.

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February 13, 1962

BY COURIER SERVICE

The Honorable
The Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

By letter dated February 5, 1962, you were
furnished a summary memorandum concerning Dr. John Hope
Franklin.

Information has now been received that the
records of the Passport Office, Department of State,
disclose that since May, 1951, Dr. Franklin has been
issued three passports and has had these passports
renewed for travel to various parts of the world for
business purposes. These records disclose no additional
pertinent information concerning him.

Information has also been received that the
files of the Central Intelligence Agency and the
Security Office, Department of State, contain no additional
pertinent information concerning Dr. Franklin.

This information is also being furnished to
the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell at the White House.

This completes the investigation in this

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Sincerely yours

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Reference is made to your request for information concerning John Hope Franklin subsequent to FBI memorandum dated March 20, 1958.

An applicant-type investigation was conducted concerning John Hope Franklin in January and February, 1962, results of which were furnished to the White House on February 5, 1962. For detailed results of this investigation, you are referred to the office of the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President.

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NOTE: All persons interviewed reported favorable information concerning Franklin, who is regarded as an outstanding educator in the field of American History. Investigation disclosed that Franklin's name appeared in the records of the Southern Conference for Human Welfare in 1947. He was scheduled to speak at a Washington Bookshop Association meeting in 2/48. He reportedly praised a book concerning the history of the Negro in this country written by Herbert Aptheker, admitted CP member. Franklin's name appeared in possession of [redacted] In "New York Times" for March 20, 1961, his name appeared with 250 educators signing a statement urging abolition of HCUA by the American Civil Liberties Union.

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Mr. P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President, has today requested that a copy of the Special Inquiry summary on John Franklin dated February 5, 1962, be forwarded to the United States Information Agency.

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October 10, 1963

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN
Born: January 2, 1915
Rentiesville, Oklahoma

Summary

In response to your request for information concerning the captioned individual this is to advise that an applicant-type investigation was conducted by the FBI concerning him during January and February of 1962. The results of this investigation were furnished to the White House on February 5, 1962.

For detailed results of this investigation you are referred to the office of the Honorable P. Kenneth O'Donnell, Special Assistant to the President. (161-1819)

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Synopsis:

Information set forth regarding Dr.
JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN's attendance at DuBois Memorial
Committee meeting.

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DETAILS:

[redacted] advised on February 24, 1964, that a tribute to W.E.B. DU BOIS was held at Carnegie Hall on February 23, 1964, sponsored by the DuBois Memorial Committee. One of the speakers was Dr. JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN of Brooklyn College. His speech was followed by a dramatic presentation of the life and writings of DU BOIS.

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A characterization of W.E.B. DU BOIS has been set forth in a previous report in this investigation.

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Reference Report of Special Agent [redacted]
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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.

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Re Chicago report of SA [redacted] dated
 1/18/62.

Captioned individual was investigated by the Bureau in 1962 at the request of the State Department, at which time he was being considered for a position requiring Presidential approval. Chicago is not aware if FRANKLIN was appointed to the position in question or if he is currently associated with Government service.

Enclosed herewith is an original and 4 copies of a LHM for possible dissemination in the event FRANKLIN is associated with the Government.

Chicago indices reflect additional references to the name JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN, noting comments by FRANKLIN concerning Negro civil rights matters.

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JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

The Winter, 1965 issue of the magazine "Freedomways" is the first quarter issue of this publication for 1965, Volume 5, Number 1, and is a special memorial issue devoted to W.E.B. DuBois. "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement", published quarterly by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, at 799 Broadway, New York, New York.

Information concerning Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, will be found in latter pages.

Included on Page 11 of the Winter, 1965 issue of the magazine "Freedomways" are greetings from John Hope Franklin as follows:

"I am pleased to learn that 'Freedomways' is planning an issue to memorialize Dr. Du Bois. For the latter portion of my life, Dr. Du Bois has been an inspiration to me and to most members of my generation. I remember so well the first time I heard him speak. It was in 1926 at the State Teachers Association in Oklahoma. Although I was a mere lad I was greatly moved by what he said on that occasion. From then to the end of his life he continued to be a great source of inspiration. His impeccable scholarship, his fearlessness as a leader, and his determination to secure freedom for all peoples, were the hallmarks of his great and illustrious life. I am certain that he will continue to wield enormous influence through his immortal writings."

"The Worker" issue of November 261, 1961, carried an article on Page 1, which stated in part:

Dr. W.E.B. DuBois, outstanding figure in American letters, father of the modern Negro freedom movement and long-time crusader for the national independence of African peoples, has joined the Communist Party of the United States.

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The March 27, 1964 edition of "Muhammad Speaks", self described commencing with the February 5, 1965 issue as published on a weekly basis by Muhammad's Mosque No. 2, 634 East 79th Street, Chicago, Illinois, on Page 5 carried an article, "Never Allow Oppressors to Pick Your Leaders. This article noted that for the first time in America a Negro leader who was an avowed communist, was openly given the highest honors by Negro intellectuals, artists and thousands of civic and fraternal figures in a gallant memorial tribute. The article noted that so great was the stature of the late W.E.B. DuBois, Negro historian, philosopher, Pan-Africanist and intellectual giant, that many who would never have dared utter a word of approbation for his political and sociological outlook while he lived -- helped immortalize his memory without reservation.

Included in this article was the following excerpt:

"I wish I could eradicate from my memory the picture of Dr. Du Bois, handcuffed like some common thief, accused at eighty years of age of being the agent of a foreign power," said Dr. John Hope Franklin, chairman of the Department of History, Brooklyn College and keynote speaker of the memorila.

"Even his later exoneration," the noted educator said, "cannot obliterate from my mind the impression that, perhaps he was the victim not merely of the fanaticism that characterized those years, but that he was being punished for what he had represented for more than half a century".

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APPENDIX

FREEDOMWAYS ASSOCIATES, INC.

The records of the New York Secretary of State, Albany, New York, show that the certificate of incorporation of Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, was filed on March 2, 1961.

The Spring, 1963, issue of "Freedomways" is self-described as "A Quarterly Review of the Negro Freedom Movement" published by Freedomways Associates, Incorporated, 799 Broadway, New York City.

On May 24, 1961, a source advised that a report was given on "Freedomways" at a meeting of the National Board, Communist Party, USA (CPUSA), held on May 24, 1961. It was stated that the original plan called for the publication to be openly Marxist, but that it was later decided it would not be avowedly a Marxist publication. Editorials are in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. It was stated that the central purpose of "Freedomways" is to develop a theory and positive criticism of currents in the Negro movement, as well as to raise the level of understanding and discussion taking place in Negro life today and to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation.

On May 25, 1961, another source advised that "Freedomways" was set up for the CPUSA by [redacted] a member of the National Committee of the CPUSA.

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NATION OF ISLAM, Formerly Referred
to as the Muslim Cult of Islam, Aka.
Muhammad's Temples of Islam

In January, 1957, a source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD has described his organization on a nationwide basis as the "Nation of Islam" and "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

On May 8, 1964, a second source advised ELIJAH MUHAMMAD is the national leader of the Nation of Islam (NOI); Muhammad's Temple of Islam No. 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, is the national headquarters of the NOI; and in mid-1960 MUHAMMAD and other NOI officials, when referring to MUHAMMAD's organization on a nationwide basis, commenced using either "Mosque" or "Temple" when mentioning one of "Muhammad's Temples of Islam."

The NOI is an all-Negro organization which was originally organized in 1930 in Detroit, Michigan. MUHAMMAD claims to have been selected by Allah, the Supreme Being, to lead the so-called Negro race out of slavery in the wilderness of North America by establishing an independent black nation in the United States. Members following MUHAMMAD's teachings and his interpretation of the "Koran" believe there is no such thing as a Negro; that the so-called Negroes are slaves of the white race, referred to as "white devils," in the United States; and that the white race, because of its exploitation of the so-called Negroes, must and will be destroyed in the approaching "War of Armageddon."

In the past, officials and members of the NOI, including MUHAMMAD, have refused to register under the provisions of the Selective Service Acts and have declared that members owe no allegiance to the United States.

On May 5, 1958, the first source advised MUHAMMAD had, upon advice of legal counsel, tempered his personal statements and instructions to his ministers concerning the principles of his organization in order to avoid possible prosecution by the United States Government; however, he did not indicate any fundamental changes in the teachings of his organization.

On May 7, 1964, a third source advised MUHAMMAD had, early in July, 1958, decided to de-emphasize the religious aspects of the teachings of Islam and to stress the economic benefits to be derived by those Negroes who joined the NOI. This policy change, according to MUHAMMAD, would help him acquire additional followers and create more interest in his programs.

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Honorable Marvin Watson
Special Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Watson:

John Hope Franklin [redacted] has requested a name check on [redacted]

Dr. John Hope Franklin, who was born on January 2, 1915, at Rentlesville, Oklahoma, was the subject of an applicant-type investigation conducted by this Bureau early in 1962. A summary memorandum containing the results of this investigation was furnished to the White House on February 5, 1962, and a copy of that memorandum is enclosed.

Information has been received since this investigation that Dr. Franklin is an apologist for the late Dr. W. E. B. DuBois, a prominent crusader for civil rights and a sponsor of communist fronts who joined the Communist Party at the age of 93. A communist youth movement has been founded which is known as the W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America.

The Winter, 1965, issue of the magazine "Freedomways" carried a greeting from Dr. John Hope Franklin indicating his pleasure to learn that "Freedomways" was planning an issue to memorialize DuBois. He referred to DuBois as having been "an inspiration to me." "Freedomways" is published by Freedomways Associates, Inc., in New York City. The source advised in 1961 that it was originally planned for the publication to be openly Marxist but it was later decided that the publication would not be.

1 - Mr. DeLoach (sent direct) 1 - Mr. Belmont 1 - Mr. Mohr
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avowedly Marxist. Editorials were reportedly in the hands of a mixed group of Marxists and non-Marxists. Reportedly "Freedomways" was to project a socialist and pro-Soviet orientation. Another source has stated that the publication was set up for the Communist Party by [redacted] a member of the National Committee of the Communist Party, USA.

Civil fingerprints were located in the files of the FBI Identification Division which may be identical with those of Dr. Franklin. These fingerprints were searched through the criminal files of the Identification Division and no arrest record was located.

Sincerely yours,

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From: Director, FBI (161-1819)

JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN
SPECIAL INQUIRY
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White House has requested that previous SPI investigation of Franklin be brought up to date. Born 1/2/15 in Oklahoma and presently resides 1885 New York Avenue, Brooklyn, New York. He is Chairman, Department of History, Brooklyn College. See Who's Who for current background data.

Also see urfiles which indicate previous SPI of Franklin in 1962. Bring up to date.

Chicago and New York note subsequent information indicating Franklin has spoken at a tribute to Dr. W. E. B. DuBois and has indicated his pleasure regarding a proposed issue of "Freedomways," a magazine, memorializing DuBois.

Appropriate informants familiar with CP and communist front activities should be contacted during the investigation.

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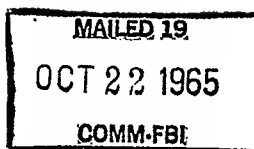
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JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN
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Re Bureau airtel 10/19/65.

New York see your file 157-1061, "The Second American Revolution." Enclosure to Philadelphia airtel 2/5/64 indicates John Hope Franklin, Chairman, Department of History, Brooklyn College, was scheduled to appear at a seminar in February, 1964, as a speaker at Haverford College. Additional information concerning Franklin is contained on page 3 of urlet 3/20/64 and page 33 Philadelphia let 7/31/64. (157-1525-2,14,20) *TPH*

New York also see pages 1 and 2, 4/20/62 issue of "New America," article captioned "550 Prominent Citizens Ask Freedom For Scales." Page 2 indicates John Hope Franklin was one of a number of individuals who reportedly signed a petition to the President in behalf of Scales. *1?*

Washington Field, Bureau files disclose that in March, 1965, appointee was one of a number of individuals being considered as a lecturer or whose writings were to be used at a seminar to be conducted by the Training Division of the Internal Revenue Service. This seminar reportedly dealt with the subject of equal employment opportunities. Conduct appropriate check at IRS during this investigation. (62-17909-855) *✓*

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Re: JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

New York and Chicago, Bureau files disclose the receipt of security investigation data for nonsensitive position from Civil Service Commission in February, 1965, indicating that in September, 1964, appointee terminated his services at Brooklyn College, Brooklyn, New York, and since September, 1964, was employed at University of Chicago, Chicago, Illinois, and residing at 5805 Blackstone Avenue, Chicago, Illinois. ✓

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APPOINTEE RESIGNED FROM BROOKLYN COLLEGE IN AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR, AND IS CURRENTLY EMPLOYED AS PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT CHICAGO UNIVERSITY. HE WAS ON SABBATICAL LEAVE FROM BROOKLYN COLLEGE DURING SEPTEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO, UNTIL AUGUST, NINETEEN SIXTY THREE, WHILE EMPLOYED AS PITT PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN HISTORY AT CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY ENGLAND. HE WAS ELECTED A MEMBER OF THE COSMOS CLUB, WASHINGTON, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, IN DECEMBER, NINETEEN SIXTY TWO.

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FRANKLIN WAS A MEMBER OF THE UNITED STATES DELEGATION TO
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IN OKLAHOMA AND EMPLOYED AS PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AT CHICAGO
UNIVERSITY, FORMERLY AT BROOKLYN COLLEGE. SEE "WHO'S WHO" FOR
BACKGROUND DATA.

PHILADELPHIA REPORT PERTINENT INFORMATION CONCERNING APPOINTEE
APPEARING ON PAGE ONE OF YOUR LETTERHEAD MEMORANDUM, DATED
FEBRUARY FIVE, NINETEEN SIXTY FOUR, CAPTIONED "THE SECOND AMERICAN
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Synopsis: Credit and law enforcement agency checks concerning
relatives residing at Tulsa, Oklahoma, revealed no
derogatory information.

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Details:

CREDIT AND ARRESTAt Tulsa, Oklahoma

On October 25, 1965, [REDACTED] Credit Bureau of Tulsa, Inc., advised her records reflect a credit file on WALDO EMERSON JONES, SR., and wife, MOZELLA D. FRANKLIN JONES, 1828 North Norfolk, Tulsa, Oklahoma, covering the period from August, 1938 to September, 1965. As of September 17, 1965, WALDO JONES was self-employed as an attorney and had been so occupied since about 1948. His wife was employed as a teacher in the Tulsa Public School system as of September 17, 1965, and had been so employed since 1933. Two accounts were listed as slow. All others were as agreed or satisfactory.

[REDACTED] was unable to locate any record concerning BEN COLBERT FRANKLIN, SR., or MILLY FRANKLIN. She noted that files are destroyed when there has been no activity in connection with the file for a period of five years.

[redacted] Record Bureau, Tulsa Police Department, advised on October 25, 1965, a search of his records disclosed no information pertaining to WALDO EMERSON JONES, SR., or MOZELLA D. FRANKLIN JONES.

On October 26, 1965, Sgt. [redacted] Tulsa County Sheriff's Office, advised records of that office disclosed no information concerning WALDO EMERSON JONES or MOZELLA D. JONES.

On October 26, 1965, [redacted] Accounting Department, Oklahoma Natural Gas Company, advised that records reflect that WALDO E. JONES, SR., presently resides at 1828 North Norfolk, Tulsa, having lived there since October, 1961.

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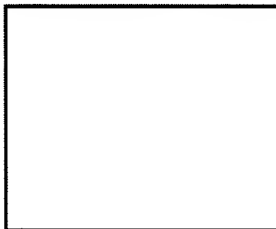
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INFORMANTS:

Informants referred to as having been contacted
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[redacted] was contacted on October 21, 1965 by
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Title: JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN

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Character: SPECIAL INQUIRY

Synopsis:

Employments verified - associates recommend. Residence of [REDACTED] verified. Results of credit and arrest checks set out. Appointee unknown to some Boston informants familiar with some phases of communist activity in Massachusetts. [REDACTED] Harvard-Radcliffe Socialist Club invited appointee to Memorial Meeting for WILLIAM E. B. DU BOIS at Cambridge, Massachusetts in November, 1963. [REDACTED] in June, 1964 attended San Francisco, California convention of an organization which became known as the WILLIAM E. B. DU BOIS Clubs of America.

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DETAILS:

Credit and arrest checks at Boston, Massachusetts were conducted at the request of Investigative Clerk [REDACTED] Investigation at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts was conducted by Special Agent [REDACTED]

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EMPLOYMENT

On October 26, 1965 [redacted]

[redacted] advised

that [redacted]

[redacted] the Salsburg Seminar [redacted]
[redacted]

He stated that he has known JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN for about thirteen years and described him as a well known Historian of outstanding ability and intelligence. He stated that he was brilliant, capable, well-liked, highly regarded and thoroughly reputable. He stated that he considered his character, moral traits, associations and loyalty above reproach.

He recalled that the appointee was a lecturer in the summers of 1951 and 1958 at Salsburg, Austria and was elected to the Board of Directors of the Salsburg Seminar for two year terms in 1958 and 1960. He also recalled that the appointee's wife accompanied him to Salsburg for one summer period but because she was having a child she could not be with him on the other. He stated that he knew the applicant's wife and described her as a respectable person.

In conclusion [redacted] considered the appointee eminently qualified for a position of trust and confidence in the government and would recommend him without hesitation.

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On October 26, 1965, [redacted] Harvard Law School, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that although he does not know the appointee well, he does know him by reputation. He said he has met him on a few occasions and has a high regard for him. He advised the appointee was a Visiting Professor at Cambridge, England about two years ago. [redacted]

[redacted] He said he never has heard anything which would cast the slightest doubt or suspicion upon appointee's character, morals or loyalty. He advised that based on his knowledge of him, he had no hesitancy in recommending him for a responsible assignment.

On October 28, 1965, [redacted] Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts, advised that he has known the appointee for approximately twenty-five years. He said he has always found him to be a man of the highest principles and a thoroughly loyal American citizen. He advised that for the past four years he has worked closely with him on an assignment for the U. S. Department of State, and can recommend him without any qualification for any type of assignment in which the Government may be able to utilize him.

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RELATIVES

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CREDIT

On October 25, 1965, personnel at the Credit Bureau of Greater Boston, Inc., 11 Beacon Street, Boston, Massachusetts advised their files contained no record in the name of JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN.

ARREST

On October 25, 1965, [redacted] Records Section, Cambridge, Massachusetts Police Department advised their files contained no record identifiable with JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN.

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On October 25, 1965, personnel, Office of the Massachusetts Commissioner of Probation, Suffolk County Courthouse, Boston, Massachusetts, a central repository for all criminal conviction records in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts advised that their files contained no record in the name of JOHN HOPE FRANKLIN or [redacted]

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MISCELLANEOUS

During October, 1965, Boston informants familiar with some phases of communist activity in Massachusetts advised the appointee is unknown to them and they could provide no information concerning him.

On October 27, 1963, [redacted] advised that [redacted] the Harvard-Radcliffe Socialist Club invited the appointee to a Memorial Meeting for WILLIAM E. B. DU BOIS at the Sanders Theatre, Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts on November 20, 1963.

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On June 23, 1964, [] advised that on June 18, 1964, [] participated in a pre-convention meeting of a new National Socialist Youth Organization held at San Francisco, California.

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On June 24, 1964, [] stated that a convention of a new Socialist Youth Organization which eventually took the name of WILLIAM E. B. DU BOIS Clubs of America was held at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California between June 19 and 21, 1964.

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[] stated that [] of the Harvard-Radcliffe Socialist Club was known by him to be present at these activities.

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In the Spring of 1964, [] advised that the Harvard-Radcliffe Socialist Club is an approved student organization at Harvard University, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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A characterization of the WILLIAM E. B. DU BOIS Clubs of America is contained in the appendix of this report.

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

A source advised on October 26-27, 1963, a conference of members of the Communist Party, USA (CP,USA), including national functionaries, met in Chicago, Illinois, for the purpose of setting in motion forces for the establishment of a new national Marxist-oriented youth organization which would hunt for the most peaceful transition to socialism. The delegates to this meeting were cautioned against the germ of anti-Soviet and anti-CP ideologies. These delegates were also told that it would be reasonable to assume that the young socialists attracted into this new organization would eventually pass into the CP itself.

A second conference of over 20 persons met in Chicago on December 28-29, 1963, for the purpose of initiating a "call" to the new youth organization and planning for a founding convention to be held in June, 1964.

A second source has advised that the Founding Convention for the new youth organization was held during the period of June 19-21, 1964, at 150 Golden Gate Avenue, San Francisco, California, at which time the name W. E. B. DuBois Clubs of America was adopted. Approximately 500 delegates from throughout the United States attended this convention. The aims of this organization, as set forth in the preamble to the constitution, are: "It is our belief that this nation can best solve its problems in an atmosphere of peaceful co-existence, complete disarmament and true freedom for all peoples of the world, and that these solutions will be reached mainly through the united efforts of all democratic elements in our country, composed essentially of the working people allied in the unity of Negroes and other minorities with whites. We further fully recognize that the greatest threat to American democracy comes from the racist and right wing forces in coalition with the most reactionary sections of the economic power structure, using the tool of anti-communism to divide and destroy the unified struggle of the working people. As young people in the forces struggling for democracy, we shall actively strive to defeat these reactionary and neo-fascist elements and to achieve complete freedom and democracy for all Americans, thus enabling each individual to freely choose and build the society he would wish to live in. Through these struggles we feel the American people will realize the viability of the socialist alternatives."

APPENDIX

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W. E. B. DU BOIS CLUBS OF AMERICA

The constitution further states this new organization shall be a membership organization open to individuals or, if five or more people so desire, a chapter can be formed which shall in turn be guided by the policies and principles of the parent organization.

The second source advised in April, 1965, the headquarters of the organization continues to be located at 1953½ McAllister Street, San Francisco, California.

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The "People's World" is a west coast communist newspaper published weekly in San Francisco, California.



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All sources (except any listed below) whose identities are concealed in referenced communication have furnished reliable information in the past.